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Mr. E. Abraham ... 22+10=32
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Mr. W. Dobbs ... 22+6=28
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* Winners of spoons.
Mr. J. H. Pidgeon and Mr. Abraham tie with an aggregate of 67 points each, which, according to the regulations of the Autumn meeting, must be fired off.
The Autumn meeting will be continued on November 25th at 2 p.m. prompt.

Penang's Interport Score.
The Penang team fired on October 31st in the Interport rifle match and made a total of 873. The detailed scores were as follows:—Lieut. Cuthbert 100, Sergt. Southam 92, Pte. Murray 84, Sergt.-Major Sykes 91, Capt. Wilson 87, Lieut. Neuhouser 80, Capt. Allan 85, Col. Sergt. Hunt 84, Lieut. Corpl. D'Oliveira 77, and Pte. Graham 75.

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General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, November 11.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at Messrs Hughes & Hoang's Sales Rooms.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 2, Bellios Terrace.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

FRIDAY, November 12.—

11 a.m.—Auction of Stock-in-Trade of City of Paris Dressmaking and Millinery Establishment.

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's Justice of the Peace at the Magistracy.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 2, Cameron Villas, The Peak.

SATURDAY, November 13.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 7, Ormsby Terrace, Granville Road, Kowloon.

MONDAY, November 15.—

9 p.m.—Concert in the Volunteer Drill Hall.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1909.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS

Evidently the members of the House of Lords have made up their minds to reject the Budget proposals of Mr. Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for the Daily Telegraph now definitely informs us that Lord Lansdowne will move a motion to that effect when the Finance Bill comes before the Upper Chamber. The fight will now have to be fought to a finish and the coming general elections should be the liveliest we have seen for years. General Parnell, we notice, thinks that the Liberals will come back with a greatly reduced majority, but the Unionists are no less confident that upon them will devolve the task of forming the next administration. Meanwhile, in the light of the violent demagogic speeches of Mr. Lloyd George and this jockeying, who lose no opportunity of denouncing the wickedness of the old nobility in opposing the new taxes on land and property, it is interesting to take a glimpse at the present composition of the House of Lords. It is an undoubted fact that much of the landed property in the United Kingdom has, in the last few decades, gone out of the hands of many of the oldest families (both titled and untitled) by whom it had been previously held for many generations, and has passed into those of comparatively speaking, unknown people, or of families of but modern growth in the social scale, while many names once well

known and almost household words throughout the British Empire, can now be found only in the ranks of landed proprietors or on the roll of the House of Lords.

How few, indeed, of those whose names appeared on the Battle Abbey roll—that list of the Normans who came over with William the Conqueror—have descendants in the male line still living! Of some twenty earldoms, too, conferred by William after the Battle of Hastings not a single one now remains, while only five of all the English earldoms created before 1553 still exist as separate peerage dignities—the five in question being SUMMERSET, DORSET, HERTFORD, PEMBROKE, and DEVON; nor is there a single male descendant of any one of the Magna Charta barons now sitting in the House of Lords. Indeed, the same may also be said with regard to all peerage titles conferred up to the end of the reign of Henry III., the oldest peerages now extant being the two Baronies of DE ROS and MOWBRAY, both of which, however, are heritable in the female line, bearing date by writ of summons 1293, and one has to pass on to a creation of 1558—the Barony of St. John of Elseto—before finding an instance of an English barony that has continuously passed through the male line since its foundation.

Although viscounties first began to be created as long ago as the reign of Henry VI., only one English and two Irish dated before the seventeenth century now have separate existence, while only one English Marquisate, that of WINCHESTER, bears date before the time of GEORGE III., although there is a second one (Worcester) still in existence, but merged in a higher dignity, as well as four marquisesates of Scotland of earlier creation. Again, with the exception of three—those of NORFOLK, SOMERSET, and the Royal Dukedom of CORNWALL, held by the PRINCE OF WALES—not one of the dukedoms created prior to the reign of CHARLES II. is now left.

To come to the present day, of some 675 extant peerages upwards of 70 will become extinct at the death of the present peer, for lack of male issue or representatives to succeed within the limitations of the titles, while the same thing may be said of no fewer than 135 out of 1,050 baronetcies, amounting in the latter to over 12 per cent. of the total number. How often, too, is it that titles conferred on our most brilliant men fall in a comparatively short time for this very reason, and it would almost seem as if the attainment of the highest intellectual gifts is not conducive to the perpetuation of race. Where now are the titles of CANNING, CHATHAM (PITT), HOLLAND (FOX), MACAULAY, PALMERSTON, BEACONSFIELD (DISRAELI), ARMISTONG, BLACKBURN, BUCKINGHAM, BENDISH-COYTES, COLLINGWOOD-COWPER, FRYBROUGH (MAY), KELVIN (THOMSON), LINDSEY, LYONS, MELBOURNE, PENZANCE, and SYDNEY, to mention only a few of the many that have passed out of existence since the commencement of the nineteenth century? To the above may also be added the MARLBOROUGH and NELSON titles, both of which, although still on the roll of the House of Lords, immediately passed from their original grantees through the female line.

But if the old families are dying out their places are being very speedily taken by the new men summoned to the House of Lords through the lavish distribution of titles from the "fountain of honour" during the last and present reigns, whether inspired by Conservative or by a Liberal Government matters not. During the last three decades 118 peerages and 161 baronetcies have become extinct or dormant, or fallen into abeyance among co-heirs—a term which has no monetary significance, but refers solely to blood relationship—and so passed into oblivion; but during the same time 228 peerages and 410 baronetcies have been created, the proportion of creations to extinctions thus being nearly two to one in the case of peerages and nearly three to one in the case of baronetcies; the number of peerages and baronetcies conferred has also risen 1½ times and baronetcies. And as many of

these, none have been conferred for distinguished service to the State, as Sir John Lubbock, Bt., Bt. Baron, and Kt. GCMG, in the case of soldiers, Sir Henry James, Bt., Bt. Baron, and Kt. GCMG, and Sir Henry James, Bt., Bt. Baron, and Kt. GCMG, in the case of administrators and politicians; AVONMORE and KILMUR in the case of men of science, it will be seen that the House of Lords represents the fine flower of the three Kingdoms really better than the more democratically selected House of Commons.

COLONIAL SECRETARY KNIGHTED.

Well Deserved Birthday Honour.

When it became known abroad this forenoon that among the men whom His Majesty King Edward had delighted to honour on the occasion of his Birthday was the Hon. Francis Henry May, GCMG, the general opinion was that no one more fully deserved the dignity of elevation to knighthood than our energetic and popular Colonial Secretary. Congratulations were therefore hearty and sincere from all quarters and they flowed in upon him in one steady stream all day long.

The newly created Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George was born in Dublin on the 14th March, 1860, being the fourth son of the Hon. G. A. C. May, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. Educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Dublin, he came out as 1st Honourable and Prize-man in Classics and Languages in 1881. On graduating B.A. he was appointed, after competitive examination, to a Hongkong cadetship. This was in 1881, and the whole of his official career has since been spent in the Colony. In April, 1884, we find him acting as Registrar-General, and in the January of the following year he was acting as Assistant Colonial Secretary. After several terms as private secretary to Governor Sir William de Vaux, Sir Francis Fleming and Major General Barker, he became in April, 1899, acting Colonial Treasurer. In 1893 he became Captain Superintendent of Police and Fire Brigade, and later of the Victoria Gaol, a position he held until he became acting Colonial Secretary in 1900. Two years later he received the substantive appointment, and from November, 1903, to July, 1904, he administered the Government of Hongkong, winning golden opinions during that period for his tact and discretion. For his services rendered during the "coolie strike" and the great plague outbreak of 1894 he was created C.M.G. He has been a member of the Legislative Council since May, 1896. At one time Hongkong was in great danger of losing the services of Sir Francis May, he having been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Ceylon, but on the eve of his departure the appointment was cancelled at the earnest request of a newly-appointed Governor who felt he could not undertake the administration of the Colony if Hongkong was robbed of its right hand man.

Sir Francis May is well-known for his keen interest in all forms of sport; hunting, shooting, sailing, fishing, polo, rifle-shooting, etc. receiving his impartial but devoted attention. As a keen raconteur of Irish stories he is well-known on the public platforms of Hongkong, while his labours as an author have produced a "Guide to Cantonese Colloquial," "Yachting in Hongkong," and shortly, "We understand, records of old racing days in Hongkong. As an official administrator, good sportsman, well-tried friend and warm-hearted Irishman, our new knight is "one of the best."

In 1891 Sir Francis married Helena, daughter of Lieutenant-General Digby Barker, G.B. In all forms of philanthropic work in the Colony, Lady May has taken a most active share ever since she arrived in Hongkong, and there can be but few among the many charities and good works set on foot locally which have not at one time or another come within the sphere of her generous activities.

The following telegram was received at Government House this morning from the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—"It gives me much pleasure to inform you that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer upon Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., the honour of creating him a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lord Kitchener is due to leave Kobe on the 19th inst. on his return to Hongkong.

The Prince Imperial of Japan has been promoted Lieutenant-General of the Army and Vice-Admiral of the Navy, these steps in rank being conferred on the Emperor's birthday last week.

Among the passengers who arrived in the Colony to-day per s.s. Tenyo Maru were Messrs J. E. Bligham, F. B. Deacon, A. R. Lowe, Dupree, Mr. and Mrs. Ledart Knorr, and Sir Paul Chater.

New York papers are suggesting that our recent visitor, Mr. C. H. Fairbanks, ex-Vice-President of the United States, should be sent to London as American Ambassador. Mr. Fairbanks, they say, is nothing if not absolutely correct; and that is what we require of Ambassadors.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Shanghai Mercury states that H.M.S. Albatross found the telephone cable in the Shanghai river the other day.

A telegram from Berlin states that Dr. Kleinschmidt has discovered that the bacteria does not convey sleeping sickness.

The U.S. Dakota, the latest American Dreadnought, has made 22.35 knots on her speed trial. Her estimates provided for 21 knots.

The U.S. Supreme Court has affirmed the prison sentences imposed on Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Thomas Morrison for contempt of court.

A native barber was knocked down by a car at Thai Tai Mei about 9 o'clock on Monday night and badly injured. He was immediately conveyed to hospital.

All the warships in harbour were flying the Dragon flag at half-mast to-day, in token of respect to the late Empress Dowager of China, whose funeral took place to-day.

The Manila Collector says that the Pacific Mail steamer Korea has picked up wireless messages at a distance of 4,500 miles, thus breaking all previous records.

Our readers are reminded of the Bazar Schools' Annual Sale of Work which H.E. the Governor has consented to open at the City Hall to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Organ Recital advertised to take place at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday 16th, instant has been postponed till Friday, 19th, as a St. Andrew's Practice Dance has already been fixed for that date.

The police have executed a gambling raid at No. 264 Queen's Road Central and No. 44 Bonham Strand East and over fifty natives were arrested. In connection with the raid a large quantity of Chinese type used in the manufacture of lottery tickets was seized.

From the second year of Hsuan Tung the practice of receiving apprentices among eunuchs will be stopped, after which old and infirm eunuchs will be pensioned and sent back to their native homes. The sixth year of Hsuan Tung will see the last of them.

San Francisco has elected another Labour Mayor, Mr. P. H. McCarthy. In Cleveland the redoubtable Tom Johnson has been defeated by a Republican. In Philadelphia the Reformers won, and at Baltimore the constitutional amendment to disenfranchise the negroes was defeated.

The invitation committee of St. Andrew's Society are sending invitations to all the members of the visiting Interport teams to be present at St. Andrew's Ball. As it is understood our visitors leave on December 1st, this should make a very happy termination to their visit.

The name of the bell solo played on Sunday night at the al fresco fete in the R.C. Cathedral grounds, is "Tell me while the Church bells ring," by Tompess Toet (Boosey and Co.), and the march was "Kitcheners' March—Salam, Salam!" (Coke) published by Hawke and Son.

The Committee, which sat in London to consider the question of the censorship of plays in Great Britain has recommended that the censorship be maintained, but that plays not approved may be performed at the risk of the manager and author, the Director of Prosecutions to take action against them if he deems such plays objectionable.

In reply to a challenge by Lord Charles Beresford, Mr. McKenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, has given out a tabulated list of the careers of the ex-officers, Captain A. R. Hulbert and Captain H. E. Campbell, who, Lord Charles Beresford contended, had been unjustly removed from their posts. Mr. McKenna shows that the said officers had received promotions in a manner that was without precedent.

The Customs Tariff of Newchwang has concluded an agreement with the Newchwang Foreign Chamber of Commerce in connection with the raising of funds for the purpose of conserving the Liao River. It has been definitely agreed that a sum of 01 per cent ad valorem will hereafter be imposed on all goods which pass through the Newchwang Custom house for a period of ten years and secondly, a sum of 01 per cent will be collected on all steamers which call at Newchwang at the rate of 2½ taels cents per cent. All funds derived from both sources will be devoted exclusively for conservancy purposes.

WHERE ALL MEN ARE EQUAL.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board, this afternoon a temporary map of the Colonial Cemetery was presented.

Mr. Shelton Hooper, minister—I think the Government should be asked to send the Board a plan of the cemetery showing the area it is proposed to dedicate, for any observations the Board may make.

Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett—I altogether object to the division made between residents, foreign-born, and 20 years' residents. We are all equal when in the Cemetery.

MUSCULAR PAIN.

HUNDREDS of testimonials could be furnished showing the great relief brought by Chamberlain's Pain-Expeller in cases of muscular rheumatism, lameness or soreness of the muscles from any cause. It is for sale by all chemists and druggists.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS AT SINGAPORE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, November 9.

In their match against the Australians Singapore only made 68 runs in their second innings. Cotter taking four wickets for 20 runs and Noble 5 for 16.

The Australians in their second venture compiled 186 for the loss of eight wickets, Noble contributing 44, Armstrong 15, while Cotter was dismissed for a "duck."

The weather is fine.

[Note—Up to the time of going to press we have not received any wire giving particulars of the first innings, and can only conclude the message has gone astray. By Singapore papers we see that the five Australian wickets to have been assisted by a number of local cricketers.—En. C.M.]

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

To-day throughout the wide flung dominions and dependencies of the British Crown will go forth the fervent prayer that King Edward's life may long be spared to the British people. Though the official celebration of his birthday is postponed, owing to the funeral of the late Empress Dowager of China taking place to-day, until the 25th of the month, none the less the least of the King's health will be drunk loyally by all his myriad subjects to-day wherever they may chance to be.

THE TYPHOON.

The red signals were hoisted towards sundown last evening indicating that the typhoon was outside a radius of 300 miles south of the Colony. To-day the area of disturbance is reported to have passed the Paracels and is moving W.N.W. It is therefore presumed that it will strike Hainan and pass inland, while Hongkong can expect some rainy weather to-morrow.

Manila sent the following telegram to the American Consulate-general to-day:—

Manila, November 9th, 11.55 a.m. Cyclone or Typhoon over N. China Sea including westward.

Soon after 8 a.m. on the morning of October 28 the s.s. Hop Sang from Hongkong sighted a junk with the distress signals hoisted but on approaching and after having given several loud blasts on the whistle no living being appeared. The junk, numbered 7,096, Hongkong, and was on Lat 22.08 N, Long 111.08 E.

INTERESTING QUESTIONS.

At Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart will ask the following questions:—

(1.) Is it a fact that, in the original instance, the postponement of the King's Birthday Celebrations was ordered by the Secretary of State without any previous reference of the matter to, or consultation with, the Government of this Colony?

(2.) If so, will the Government convey to the Secretary of State a respectful intimation that such treatment is resented in the Colony?

(3.) In view of the fact that the well known date of the birthday of His Britannic Majesty was chosen for the obsequies of the late Dowager Empress of China some weeks ago, and that up to last Friday the Secretary of State gave no sign he considered that the claims of the latter over-rode those of the former in this British Colony, has the Government any information as to the reason for this sudden change of attitude?

Is it necessary to the work on the Post Office that the plot of Government Land between the Law Courts and the Praya should be largely occupied as workmen's dwellings?

How many people are housed nightly in the quarters which the Contractor is allowed to maintain there, and what rent, if any, does he draw from their occupation? Are all the people housed there engaged in work on the Post Office?

And are we to understand that the public may be asked to put up with the nuisance created by the condition of the plot in question for the year or more during which the Post Office will be in course of construction?

KING MANUEL'S TOUR.

PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFETY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, November 8.

The King of Portugal has started on his official visits to Madrid, Windsor and Paris.

Extraordinary precautions for his Majesty's safety are being taken at Madrid.

LONDON, November 9.

King Manuel has arrived at Madrid.

He drove to the Palace, being accompanied by King Alfonso.

GERMAN NAVAL SCANDAL.

YARDS TO BE REORGANISED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, November 8.

The result of the revelations recently made at Kiel in connection with the wholesale robbery of Naval stores is that it has been decided to reorganise the German Naval Yards on commercial lines.

GERMAN AMBITIONS.

COMMERCIAL ADVANCEMENT FIRST.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, November 9.

Herr Bernstorff, German Ambassador to America, addressing the Academy of Sciences at Philadelphia, defined Germany's foreign policy as being purely commercial without territorial ambitions.

He asserted that Germany was the first Power to side with America on the occasion of the new departure adopted in regard to Chinese affairs. This proved that Germany was always ready to adhere to the "open door" policy even at the expense of sacrificing some temporary advantages.

LORDS AND THE BUDGET.

FIRST READING PASSED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, November 9.

The House of Lords has formally passed the first reading of the Finance Bill.

THE MACAO BOUNDARY.

CHANGE OF CHINESE COMMISSIONER.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, November 8.

The Peking Government intend to appoint H.E. Wu Ting-fang, late Chinese Minister to America, as Imperial Commissioner to negotiate the delimitation question at Macao in place of H. E. Kuo Erh Chen.

RUSSIA AND MANCHURIA.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, November 8.

Chin Chin Chang, Governor of Kirin, met the Russian Financial Minister in conference on the 6th inst., but the subject of their discussion is kept secret.

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(Continued.) BIRTHDAY HONOURS. COL. SEELY MADE A PRIVY COUNCILLOR.

Lieut Shackleton Knighted.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, November 9.

The following are among those upon whom King's Birthday honours have been conferred:—

Col. Seely, Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Colonies, to be a Privy Councillor;

Mr R. Laidlaw, Liberal Member for East Renfrewshire, to be a Knight;

Lieut Shackleton, to be a Knight;

Mr May, Hongkong, to be a Knight.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, November 9.

The Birthday Honours include the following:—

Privy Councillor—Col. Seely and Sir Edward Seymour.

Knighthood—Dr Robertson Nicoll, Shackleton; Hon W. J. Napier, late Attorney General for the Straits Settlements.

G.C.M.G.—Sir Frank Swettenham.

K.C.M.G.—Hon F. H. May, Hongkong.

[Note—Lieut. Col. Seely, P.C., D.S.O., who is Liberal M.P. for the Abercromby Division of Liverpool, has been Under Secretary of State for the Colonies for about a year, having succeeded in that office Lord Fitzmaurice, a brother of Lord Lansdowne. He is 41 years of age. Having been educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge, he was called to the Bar in 1897. He volunteered for service in South Africa with the Imperial Yeomanry, and was mentioned in despatches on several occasions. For his services he received the Queen's medal, with five clasps, and was made D.S.O. Returning, he entered political life, having sat as Liberal M.P. for the Isle of Wight from 1900 to 1906. At the General Election he successfully contested the seat he now holds. Since then his advancement has been rapid.

Sir Robert Laidlaw, Kt., is chairman of the well known firm of export merchants Messrs Whiteway, Laidlaw and Co., of London. He is 53 years of age. Educated in a little parish school, he is self-made man, and during his short Parliamentary life (having only been an M.P. since 1906) has many times been heard in the Commons. He has taken a keen interest in the opium question in China, and was one of the British delegates to the recent Opium Conference at Shanghai.

Lieut. Sir E. B. Shackleton is the well-known Antarctic explorer.

Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Seymour, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., is one of Britain's most worthy sons. He entered the Navy when 14 years of age, and has seen plenty of service, his record in connection with the China War in 1858 being particularly noteworthy. He was made Rear Admiral in 1882, and Vice-Admiral in 1888. He was in command of the Pacific Squadron from 1890 to 1892, and the Mediterranean Squadron from 1893 to 1897. He was Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth from 1897 to 1900. He was made Vice-Admiral of the United Kingdom in 1901. He attains his present honour at the age of 73 years.

Sir William Robertson Nicoll, M.A., LL.D., is editor of the British Weekly and other publications. He is 53 years of age. He was formerly a Free Church minister, and in addition to his journalistic work has been responsible for a considerable number of publications, chiefly theological in character.

Sir W. J. Napier, D.C.L., was Attorney General for the Straits Settlements from 1907 until recently, when he retired. He is 52 years of age. He commenced practice in Singapore, in 1889 and was one of the unofficial Members of the Legislative Council from 1900 to 1907. He was a prominent Freemason, being District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago.

Sir F. A. Swettenham, G.C.M.G., was Governor of the Straits Settlements from 1904. He is now 69 years of age. He has had a most successful career in Government service, the whole of which he spent in the Straits. Passing by competitive examination into the civil Service of the Straits Settlements in 1870, he became in turn assistant British Resident at Selangor, Deputy Commissioner with the Penak Expedition (mentioned in despatches; medal and clasp), Assistant Colonial Secretary for Native Affairs, British Resident at Selangor, Resident General F. M. S., and then Governor and Commander-in-Chief. He has been a prolific writer. He was created G.C.M.G. in 1897.

Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G., is the well-known Colonial Secretary of Hongkong. He is 49 years of age.—E.O.C.M.

For returning from banishment a native was sentenced to six months imprisonment and six hours' stocks, at the Magistrate's Court, at the Magistrate's Court, at the Magistrate's Court.

Inspector Collett presented a native, for returning from banishment, breaking and entering No. 4 Stanley Terrace, and breaking into No. 2 Stanley Terrace. The case was remanded. A fine of 40 was imposed on a native for having opium in his possession.

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HI-KA-WAI OBSERVATORY.

Time Signal Service.

In addition to the signal given by the Time Ball at noon, the exact China Coast time is given every night by the extinction of the four white lights of the Time-signal Tower on the French Bund. The lights are shown about 2 minutes before the first extinction.

In case of error or failure, a red light is shown, or preferably the two white lamps of the yard-arm are lighted up, during a few seconds to annul the wrong signal.

The signals are worked directly from Zi-ka-wai Observatory by electric apparatus.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday, the Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart will move:—

"That in the opinion of this Council the issue of a new subsidiary coinage convertible at par would not be successful unless the use of all other subsidiary coins were prohibited in the Colony, and that, in the circumstances, it is undesirable to deal with the matter except as part of a comprehensive scheme of local currency reform."

The Orders of the Day comprise:—

Third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to set apart certain Crown Land to be used as a burial ground for persons professing the Christian Religion.

Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Trade Marks.

Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorize the Construction and Maintenance of a Harbour of Refuge upon and over certain portions of the Sea Bed and Foreshore situated upon the Harbour frontage at Tsikoktsai, Mongkoktsai, and Yau-mai, Kowloon, in this Colony.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL.

First Practice Dance.

There was quite the average attendance at the first of the three Practices for St. Andrew's Ball at the City Hall yesterday afternoon and besides being of a most enjoyable nature the opening Practices served its purpose by suggesting to the 'Powers That Be' where improvements in the dancing, selection of music, and in other ways might be made with future advantage. The floor was in excellent condition for the giddy waltz, but rather too 'lively' for Scotch Reels and Caldonians, the numerous falls being enjoyed far more by the spectators than by the victims concerned. Refreshments were provided for all and the band of the 'Buffs,' under Bandmaster Hewitt, supplied the music. The programme for the forthcoming St. Andrew's Ball on the 30th November is as follows:—

EXTRA WALTZ.

1. Lancers.
2. Waltz.
3. Caldonians.
4. Waltz.
5. Elphinstone Reel.
6. Two Step.
7. Caldonians.
8. Strathpey and Reel.
9. Waltz.
10. Two Step.
11. Waltz.
12. Two Step.
13. Waltz.
14. Elphinstone Reel.
15. Pilska.
16. Strathpey and Reel.
17. Highland Schottische.
18. Caldonians.
19. Elphinstone Reel.
20. Waltz.
21. Two Step.
22. Waltz and Galop.

CONCERT AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

Though the audience at the Theatre Royal last night was not particularly large one, those who did attend participated in a most enjoyable experience. The concert was in aid of the St. John's Cathedral Organ Fund and was contributed by the popular party known as The Port and Standard Lights Quartet. Amongst those present were His Excellency the Governor (Sir F. D. Lugard), and a party from Government House, as well as Major General Broadwood.

The instrumental portion of the programme was well sustained by the Bufo Band, who were responsible for three splendidly rendered selections; Miss Parke was deservedly accorded for a tasteful rendering of "Love's Garden," Messrs E. B. Ayris and R. E. White were the vocalists with the very best of results in the duet "Watchman, what of the night?" Mr. H. Wilkins made a decided hit with his monologues; Miss Parke, Messrs Ayris and White sang in perfect sympathy the trio "I Navigant"; Mr. W. A. Hannibal was irresistible in his varied interpretations of Richard Kipling's "The absent-minded beggar," as well as in "The Charge of the Light Brigade," given as an encore; while one of the most meritorious efforts of the evening was Mr. E. B. Ayris's song "The Trumpeter," sung with orchestral accompaniment.

The whole of the second portion of the programme was in the hands of the Port Quartet, who gave a remarkably good show. The party consisted of Miss Parke, Mrs Jordan, Miss Logan, Miss D. Churny, Mr. H. Wilkins, Mr. E. B. Ayris, Mr. W. A. Hannibal and Mr. J. W. White. Their pretty red and green costumes and the setting of the stage combined to produce a most happy effect, while the entertainment given was simply enjoyed was proved by the number of recalls given. Mr. J. W. White was the efficient accompanist.

THE HIPPODROME CIRCUS.

Mr. A. Jackson, the representative, and Mr. E. O. Abell, the veteran director of the Hippodrome Circus, arrived in the Colony last night from Manila by the S.S. Leongnang after a very rough passage. It was thought on board the steamer that the Leongnang had passed through the tail end of a typhoon. A return visit of the Circus for a short season in Hongkong is being arranged before the company go south again. We are informed by Mr. Jackson that the number of artistes has been enlarged since their last visit here and includes Australians, Roumanians and Russians, etc. The position will be on the old site at Causeway Bay. The opening night will be announced shortly.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE STATE OF QUEEN'S ROAD.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir,—I am glad to see you have spoken with no uncertain tongue concerning the condition of Queen's Road and trust it will have the desired effect.

At the close of the Russo-Japanese War the Praya East became infested with "undesirables" and for weeks constituted a grave scandal. This Authorities took no action, pleading that they had no power. Public opinion, however, backed by the Press, forced them into ridding the whole neighbourhood of them legally or illegally as the case may be. Others have, to the writer's knowledge, been since deported without trial—illegal no doubt—but the result was achieved.

Now, the state of Queen's Road from 6.30 onwards every evening is infinitely worse than it has ever been before. Profradites of the lowest order have flocked to the Colony and openly parade themselves every evening to the disgust of every decent-minded person and the constant annoyance of any lady who desires to shop at that hour.

It may be said that they have as much right to the pavement as any of the public so long as they behave in an orderly manner. England, however, does not recognize traffic in vice as a legal occupation and as there can be no shadow of doubt as to why these women parade Queen's Road "the Powers that be" can surely find some method of stopping this degrading spectacle and preventing Hongkong from becoming a refuge for every prostitute turned out of some other Port.

Having that one of the "unofficial" members will take this matter up at the next Council meeting, and enclosing my card—I am, etc.,

DISGUSTED.
Hongkong, 9th November 1909.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir,—The thanks of the community are due to your leader of Saturday night calling attention to the scandalous conditions prevailing in Queen's Road each evening from 5.30 onwards.

The remedy lies, as you suggest, in segregation and licensing, but as this is not likely to be, coming to the rescue of the Anglo-Saxon race, the least that the Authorities can do is to prevent the evil from being flaunted in the face of every lady who desires to shop at that hour.—Yours, etc.,

RESIDENT.
Hongkong, 9th November 1909.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir,—Having noticed your leading article of Saturday last on the nightly patrol of Queen's Road by women of the lowest order, I venture to address a letter to you on the subject.

Being only a sojourner here I know nothing of your local laws, but being intimately acquainted with every part in the Far East from Bombay to Yokohama, I do not hesitate to state without fear of contradiction, that in no other place would such a condition of things be tolerated.

From an outsider's point of view it appears that there is culpable slackness somewhere in the administration.

Vice is inevitable and especially in the Far East, but it need not be allowed to thrust itself before the public in the way it does in Hongkong.—Yours truly,

A TRAVELLER.
Hongkong, 8th November.

WEST RIVER NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NANNING, November 8.

A long spell of brilliantly fine weather has just been broken by a persistent drizzle of rain. The health of the foreign community has been very good, far better at Nanning than at Wuchow, where quite half of the white population seems to have been down with malaria, typhoid and other ills. The foreigners who appeared to have deserted us throughout the summer have now returned with renewed ardour and activity in spite of the cold; however, I have not yet seen, except on one occasion, a specimen of the anopheles family in Nanning.

The question of transferring the provincial capital to Nanning has again been postponed owing to alleged lack of funds. Money however appears to be constantly squandered on other objects; for instance, the military barracks after being established here has now been moved with great expense to Kwailin. Many thousands of dollars have been sunk on the Foreign Settlement with no prospect of any return on the money; indeed, so low has public opinion sunk, that the officials are allowing a large part of the ground that was to have been let out to Consuls and foreign merchants, to be used by a theatrical company from Canton who are busily engaged at this present moment in erecting a big theatre with all its concomitants.

For the first time in history, wheelbarrows and buffalo carts have made their appearance in these parts; they have been introduced by the Military Department for the transport of building materials they look very quaint lumbering along the road leading from the waterfront to the new barracks buildings.

We have had more visitors: including Mrs. Weaver of the Dicomman girl's school and the Rev. C. E. and Mrs. Thompson of St. Peter's Church, Hongkong, Dr. and Mrs. Cliff have returned from their holiday to Hongkong; and Mr. Barovsky, I.M.C., from his trip to Japan with his mother.

For more than four months the Alliance Mission House has remained empty. Mr. Landis and his sister were both taken ill on their vacation, and unfortunately there is no immediate prospect of their return.

Trade has been brisk, but it is difficult for an outsider to understand how 7 or 8 large motor boats are going to pay; for 3 are on the stocks in addition to the 4 already running between Wuchow and Nanning, and still others are contemplated by new firms, eager to have a share in the traffic. One of the boats took down yesterday, as an experiment, about half a dozen head of cattle for shipment to Hongkong.

Over a hundred students of the old regime have returned from Kweilin where they want to complete sitting for the old time exams. This privilege was accorded them through the kindness of the Governor as they had already passed some of the tests before the new "education" came in.

Even in Nanning are feeling the pinch of new movements, and things are happening day by day which would have been absolutely impossible a very few years ago. There was a big gathering lately of merchants with officials present to grace the occasion and one young man belonging to the "progressives" rose of his own accord and gave an impassioned speech against the present official order of things—and yet that youth still retains his head!

We are here more in touch with the outside world than in some other Ports such as Pakhoi, where the poor foreigners have to wait sometimes as long as two weeks for a steamer to bring a mail. We can get our letters all the time through fast motor boats, and it takes but 26 days from England to Nanning by Siberia!

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, November 8.

A NEW CHURCH.

A very interesting ceremony took place at Tungenan near Canton on Friday last when the new Mission Church lately erected by the American Baptists was formally dedicated.

The function was very largely attended, friends of the mission coming from Wuchow, Macao, Tungmoon, Hongkong and many other places. The church is a very fine building capable of seating several hundred persons. It is beautifully lighted and ventilated and a special feature of the structure is that the transepts are so arranged that they can be utilized by classes receiving instruction. Another good point in the building is that the floor is built at a slightly inclined plane, the seat near the door being highest, thus securing a good view of the preacher to everyone. The church has been built entirely by contributions made by a children's missionary society in the United States and it is to be wished that these little ones could see the fine building their endeavours have raised. The Baptist mission are doing a fine work in the district. Beside fully established churches in different parts of the province, Tung Shan there is a girl's boarding school, a school for women, a home for the blind, and several other institutions deserving the highest praise. It would be well if many of those who are so opposed to mission work could find opportunity to visit such an institution as this and so for themselves the solid work that is being done among the Chinese. And better still, if they could know the true character and spirit of brotherhood that exists among the Chinese Christian congregations they would find much food for reflection. The mission clergy have often some very exciting experiences while preaching in the remote villages and one member of the mission, Dr. Graves, has some very strange tales to tell of Canton as it was before it became an open port. This gentleman has been engaged in preaching the Gospel for no fewer than 53 years in Canton and the neighbourhood. He tells a story of a day when no foreigner was allowed to set foot inside the city walls. At that time the Chinese pretended that every article in the universe was to be obtained within the walls and to every enquiry the answer was, "Inside the City have goods." The day came when the first foreigner boat made its way up the river and a foreigner feeling sure he could "go one better" than the Chinaman this time asked a native if he had ever seen such a vessel before. "Oh yes," replied he, "inside the city have goods."

In connection with the mission there is also a publishing press where large numbers of Scriptures and tracts are printed in Chinese. The cheapest of these works is astonishing and their style excellent.

The present membership of the Baptist Church in the two Kongs is over 4,000, whereas not so many years ago the list contained but 3 members. This one instance shows how Christianity is gaining the people; and it is well that it is so for China wants an ideal life up to it. She cannot find it in her old gods; she cannot find it in the cult of Confucius, but in the religion of Jesus Christ she can find that which will elevate her as nothing else will do.

CUTTING OFF THE GRASS.

The prospect of losing the grass at no distant date is causing some little alarm among the people. Nearly every one thinks that the loss will be a gain but almost all are against any change in the present style of costume. The urge that silk and linen clothes now in vogue are manufactured in the country and that a change will throw profit into the hands of foreign traders.

Some say that the change in costume should not be made until many factories for the manufacture of cloth are established.

Some rather amusing essays on this subject were produced by the senior boys of a large school here. The difficulty of cleaning the queue, its inconvenience and uselessness were prominently brought forward while many made a strong point of its being a mark of service to the Manchu.

The strange reason for its abolition was advanced by one student who asserted that the continual shaving of the front part of the head caused wind and cold to enter the brain and so made it difficult to think logically.

THE WATKINS.

Some strange vicissitudes of weather are being experienced here. On Friday and Saturday it was very cold, a bitter wind was blowing, the sky was overcast and it seemed as if winter had set in. In fact, it was.

Yesterday was quite the opposite. The sun shone brilliantly, there was no wind and the heat was nearly as great as that of two months ago. To-day though the wind is a little keen, the sun is shining brightly and one feels pleasantly warm in a cloth suit. Truly, it is a most difficult climate to dress to.

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The Shrouded Knot, Mrs. Henry Dudeney.

Mr. Justice Raffles, by E. W. Hornung.

Secret Orders, by A. E. Conner.

Open Country, by Maurice Hewitt.

Kitty Aubrey, by Katharine Tynan.

Syrinx, by Laurence North.

The Castle by the Sea, by Marjorie Watson.

The Waking Hour, by Harold Winslow.

The Marriage of Hilary Garden, by Stanley Portal Hyatt.

Two Women, by Baroness d'Aethan.

The Master Scheme, by Mrs. Vere Campbell.

Peter Homunculus, by Gilbert Cannan.

True Wilds, by T. C. (A. P. Gulliver-Conch).

Pretty Fanny's Way, by R. Murray Gilchrist.

Avenging Children, by Mary E. Mann.

Cardillac, by Robert Barr.

A Wild Beauty, by Dick Donovan.

The Valley of the Gods, by Tyler De Saix.

A House of Lies, by Sidney Warwick.

A Country Corner, by Amy Le Fenore.

Fiona, by Lady Napier of Magdala.

The Forbidden Theatre, by Keighley Stewards.

The Thin Circle, by Frank Norris.

The Winning Chance, by Elizabeth De Jean.

The Necromancers, by Robt. Hugh Benson.

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FUNERAL OF PRINCE ITO.

From a telegram printed in the N.O. Daily News we learn that the State funeral of the late Prince Ito took place on November 4th. All Court functions were suspended by the Emperor. Twenty thousand troops took part in the procession, and the Navy also took a prominent part in the ceremony. Minute guns were fired ashore, and the men-of-war which had specially moored near Tokyo, and various naval stations fired salutes. Ambassadors attended to represent the Sovereigns and Presidents of the Powers, and Lord Rittshauer also attended. The services which were conducted according to Shinto rites were tantamount to adding fresh dignities to Prince Ito. A shrine in the Prince's honour is now being erected near Constitution Hall. A squadron of cavalry escorted the coffin to the grave. The ex-Emperor of Korea visited the Resident General the same morning to present his condolences. The day was overcast and a drizzle of rain set in before the proceedings terminated.

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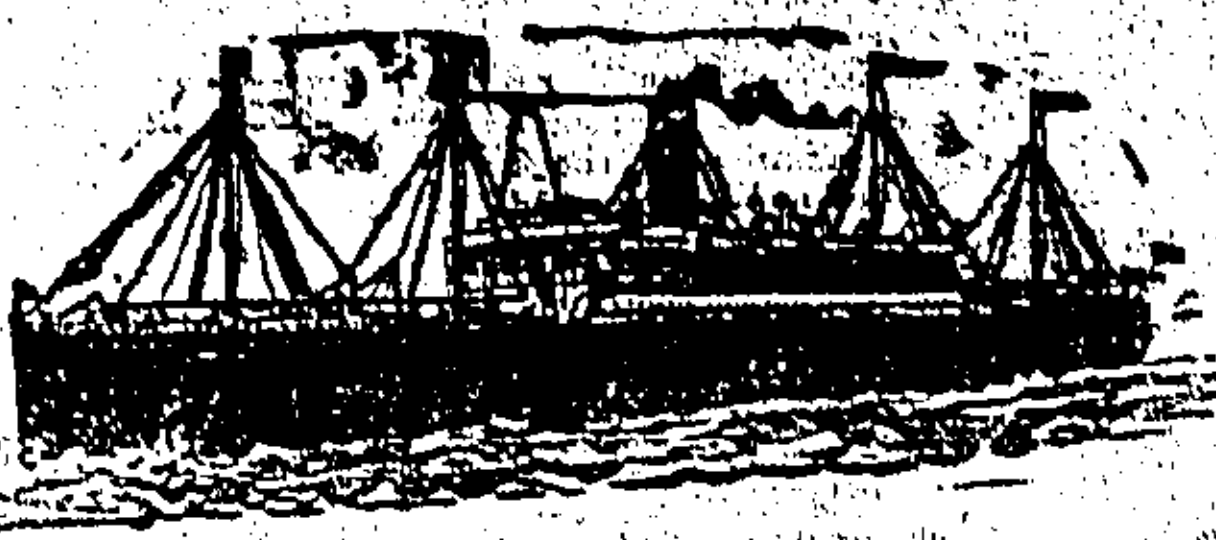
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TENYO MARU	21,000	FRIDAY, 19th Nov.	at Noon
KOREA	18,000	TUESDAY, 30th Nov.	at Noon
SIPPON MARU	11,000	FRIDAY, 10th Dec.	at Noon
SIPERIA	18,000	FRIDAY, 17th Dec.	at Noon
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SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, via MANILA, PHILIPPINES, DAY ISLAND, COWES, VILLE AND BRISBANE.	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, Tons 6000	FRIDAY, 24th Nov., at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAWACHI MARU, Capt. H. Petersen, Tons 6500	SATURDAY, 13th Nov., at Daylight.
BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.	BOMBAY MARU, Capt. W. A. Evans, Tons 5000	FRIDAY, 19th Nov., at Noon.
SEANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	YOSHIO MARU, Capt. B. Kim, Tons 4500	WEDNESDAY, 10th Nov., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	KAM MARU, Capt. F. E. Sommer, Tons 9000	SATURDAY, 20th Nov., at Daylight.
	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, Tons 6000	WEDNESDAY, 24th Nov., at Noon.

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THE RAINFALL OF HONGKONG.

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MONTH	1884-1885	1885-1886	1886-1887	1887-1888	1888-1889	1889-1890	1890-1891	1891-1892	1892-1893	1893-1894	1894-1895	1895-1896	1896-1897	1897-1898	1898-1899	1899-1900
January	1.46	1.46	8.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
February	1.64	2.75	7.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
March	2.54	2.58	11.49	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17
April	2.43	3.33	14.59	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37
May	6.70	12.39	48.84	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
June	7.38	16.38	34.37	2.34	2.34	2.34	2.34	2.34	2.34	2.34	2.34	2.34	2.34	2.34	2.34	2.34
July	12.83	12.77	28.24	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57
August	8.34	14.20	37.57	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.97
September	8.51	9.64	30.60	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63
October	23.09	4.68	17.87	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

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WAI & CHEEFOO			
SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA	KUTSANG	FRIDAY, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m.	
MANILA	LOONGSANG	FRIDAY, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m.	
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	SUNDAY, Nov. 14, Daylight	
SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA	KUTSANG	WEDNESDAY, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m.	
MANILA	LOONGSANG	FRIDAY, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m.	
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOREA & MOI	YAMANG	TUESDAY, Nov. 30, at 3 p.m.	

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Changchun.....10.10 p.m.
Harbin (Russian Train).....Lv. 3.50 a.m.
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Harbin (Russian Train).....Leave 11.25 a.m.
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Mukden.....5.08 a.m.
Dairen.....5.30 a.m.
Shanghai (Steamer).....Lv. 3.00 p.m.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th inst. will be subject to sale.

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All Broken, Chafed and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, November 4, 1909.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.
HONGKONG OFFICE.
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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

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